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EO 12065: GDS 11/7/86 GUSER, CLAUS W.) OR-M TAGS: ASEC, MILI, AR, BL SUBJECT: BOLIVIA: REPORTS ON INSTRUCTIONS IN INTERROGATION TECHNIQUES GIVEN BY ARGENTINE SECURITY PERSONNEL

REF: HOP 8463

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PURSUANT TO AMBASSADOR'S INSTRUCTIONS

DURING MEETING WITH COL. VICTOR PINO

MEMBER OF ARMY CINC GALTIERI'S STAFF AND AIDE TO GENERAL VIOLA) MINISTER COUNSELOR RAISED REPORTS ON ACTIVITIES OF ARGENTINE SECURITY PERSONNEL IN BOLIVIA, REF.)

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3. DCM NOTED THAT LA PAZ WAS A SMALL PLACE AND THAT EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENS BECOME QUICKLY KNOWN. REPORTS WERE CIRCULATING IN LA PAZ THAT IN MID-OCTOBER MEMBERS OF ARGENTINE SECURITY FORCES HAD GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS ON INTELLIGENCE AND INTERROGATION TECHNIQUES (INCLUDING ALLEGEDLY DEMONSTRATIONS OF THESE TECHNIQUES)
TO BOLIVIAN MILITARY AND SECURITY PERSONNEL, ACCORDING TO THE
RUMORS, INSTRUCTIONS OF THIS TYPE WERE CONTEMPLATED FOR ADDITIONAL
BOLIVIAN GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL IN THE FUTURE. DCM SAID THAT WE
WERE CONCERNED OVER THESE REPORTS AND NOTED THE CONSEQUENCES FOR ARGENTINA'S IMAGE AND STANDING.

4. COL. PINO TOOK CAREFUL NOTES ON THE DCM'S REMARKS. IT WAS CLEAR THAT HE PLANNED TO REPORT THESE COMMENTS TO HIS PRINCIPALS.

B. USARMA ARE PASSING THE SAME STATEMENTS TO THEIR CONTACTS IN SIDE AND THE ARMY G-2. DCM WILL ALSO MENTION THE MATTER TO COL. CARLOS CERDA, UNDER SECRETARY IN THE PRESIDENCY, DURING HIS NEXT MEETING. SHL AUDEMAN

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